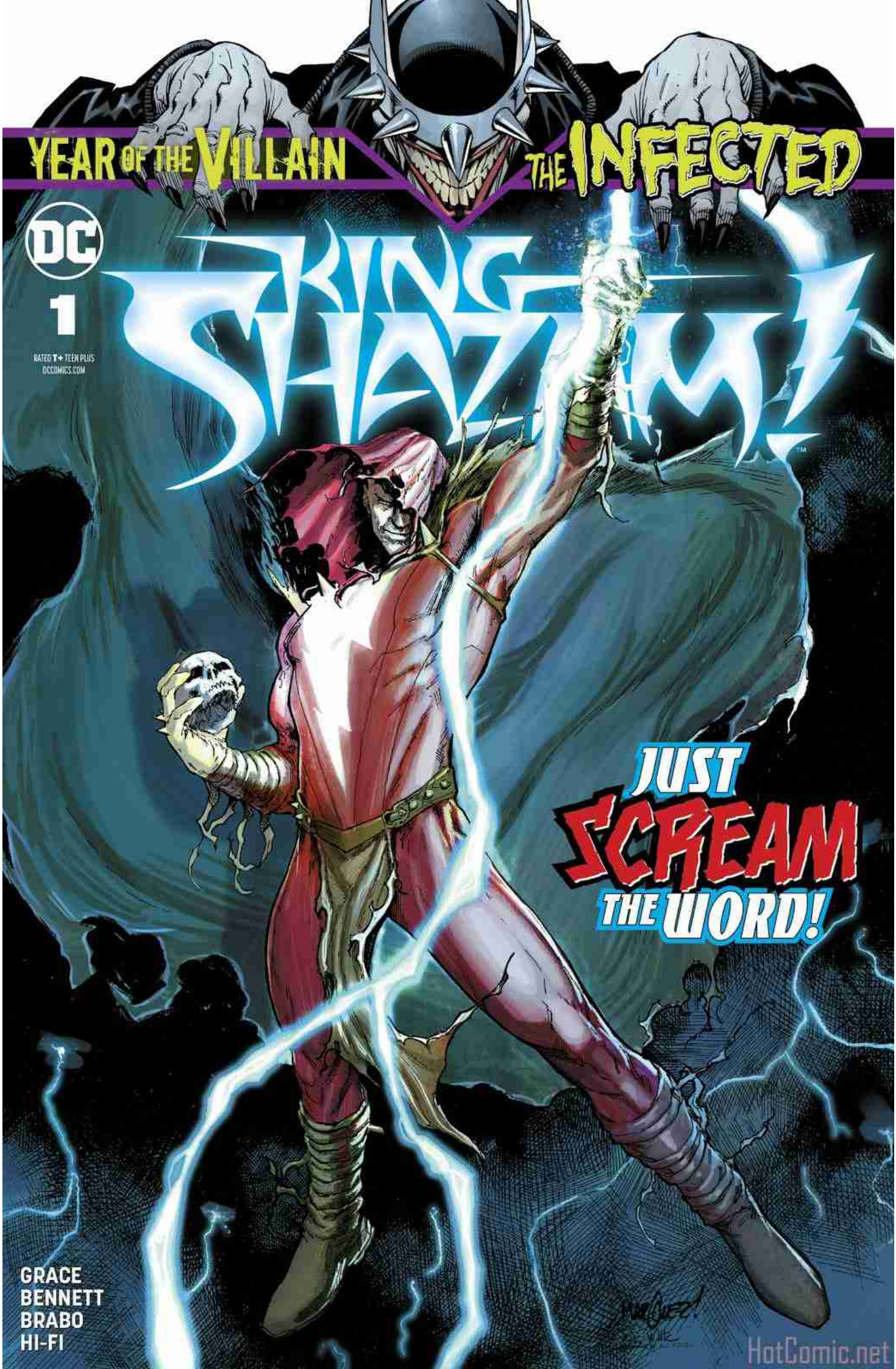
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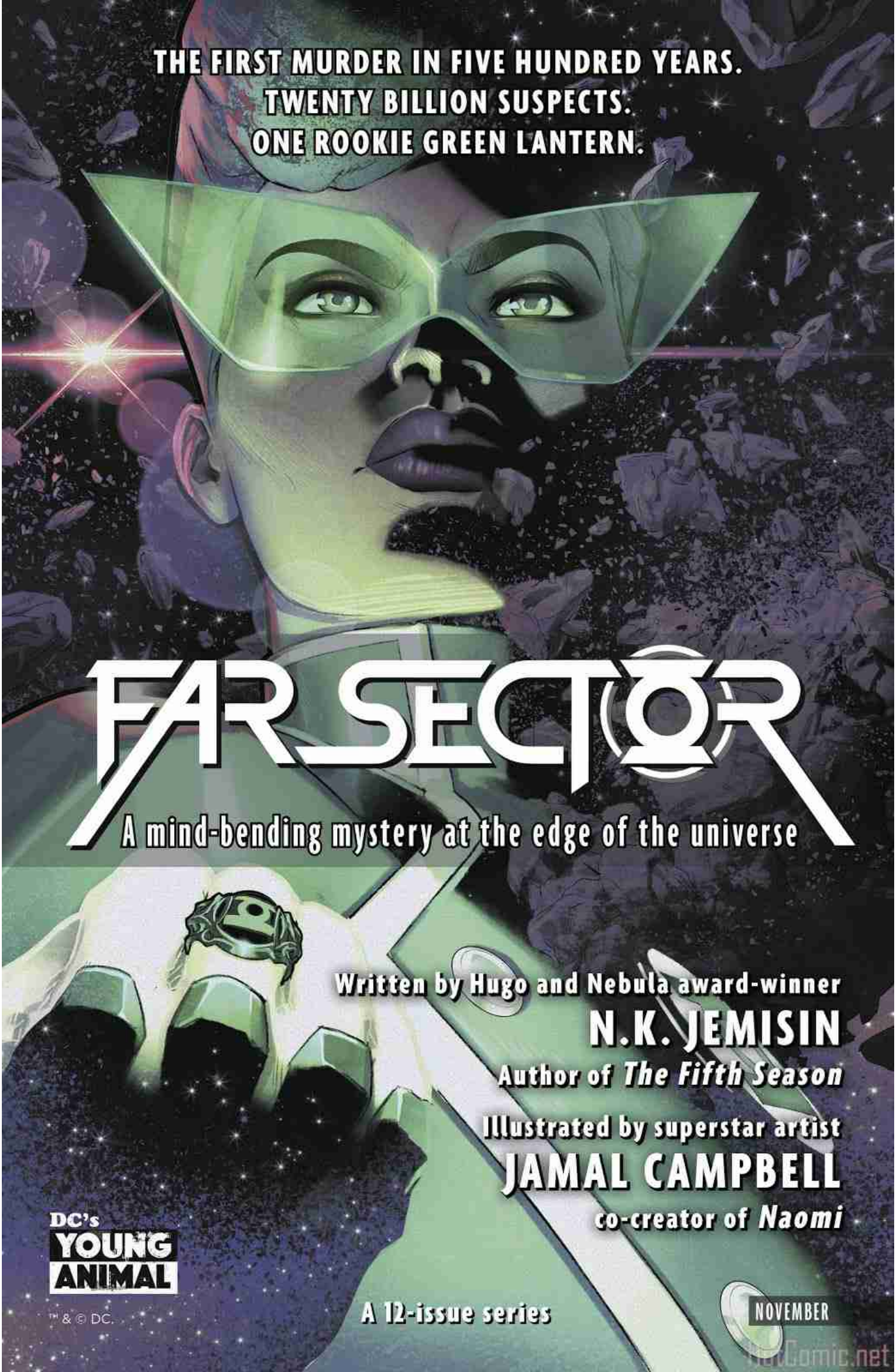
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CLEARLY, YOU DIDN'T GET THAT I WAS TALKING TO BOTH OF YOU.
IS THAT WHY YOU GOT INTO THIS FOSTERING RACKET TOGETHER? TOO BROKEN TO HAVE KIDS OF YOUR OWN, SO YOU FIGURED YOU'D RUIN LIVES IN BULK?
THAT'S IT!
CLEAR YOUR DISHES AND GO UP TO YOUR ROOM--THIS INSTANT!

ALL I'M SAYING IS MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET YOUR HOUSE TOGETHER BEFORE YOU STEP UP TO ME.
I'D RATHER DO MY HOMEWORK THAN STARE AT THAT WIMPY SOUL PATCH ANYWAY.

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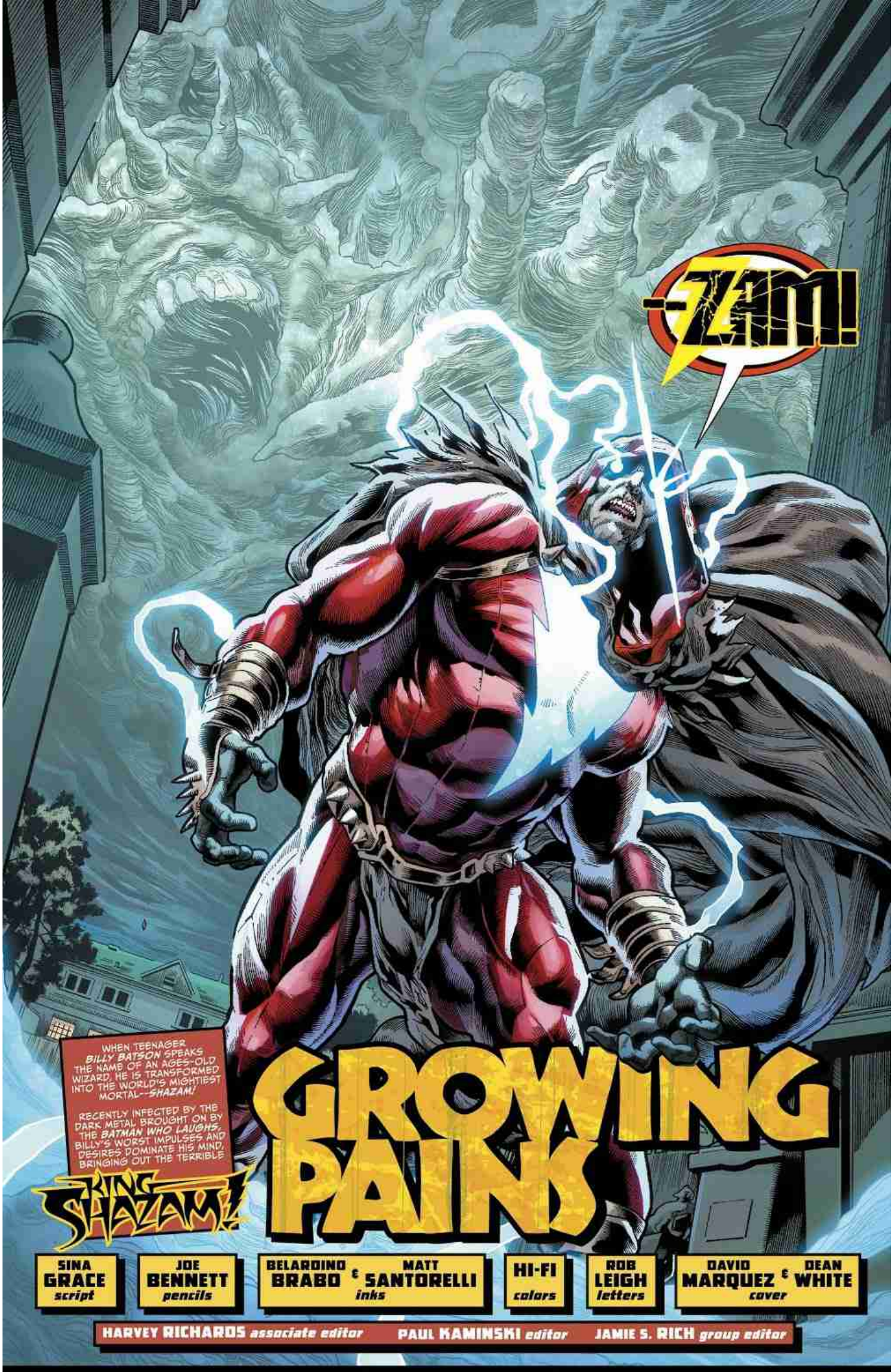
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON WITH YOU?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, MARY.
LOOK, IF IT HAS TO DO WITH ANYTHING RELATED TO OUR... EXTRACURRICULAR STUFF, YOU CAN TALK TO ME.
THERE'S NO REASON TO TAKE IT OUT ON THEM, THOUGH.
Pfft.
THEM? THEY DON'T MATTER.
OPEN YOUR EYES, MARY. THIS WHOLE "FAMILY" THING? IT'S JUST A TRAP.
A LIE.
ONE BIG SCHEME TO TRY AND CONTROL ME.
BILLY, PLEASE... I'M YOUR SIST--
GET OVER YOURSELF.
ALL OF YOU DECIDING IF I BELONG WITH YOU...
...NONE OF YOU ARE WORTHY OF BEING RELATED TO...
...SHE--



WHEN TEENAGER *BILLY BATSON* SPEAKS THE NAME OF AN AGES-OLD WIZARD, HE IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL--*SHAZAM!*

RECENTLY INFECTED BY THE DARK METAL BROUGHT ON BY THE *BATMAN WHO LAUGHS*, BILLY'S WORST IMPULSES AND DESIRES DOMINATE HIS MIND, BRINGING OUT THE TERRIBLE

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"...TIME TO FIND A FAM THAT CAN *REALLY* HANG WITH ME."
ATLAS.
ATLAAAAAAAS.
WHO DARES TO CALL FOR ME AT THIS HOUR?
IT'S JUST *ME*, ATLAS.
YOU SOUND SURPRISED, GUESS YOU DON'T GET MANY VISITORS WAY OUT HERE...
A SURPRISE *INDEED.*
WHAT REASON DO YOU HAVE TO DISTURB MY SECLUSION?
OH, JUST BEEN THINKING... ABOUT HOW YOU'RE KINDA LIKE FAMILY TO ME...
FAMILY?
MY TORCHES HAVE GONE OUT. I REQUIRE LIGHT TO--
OH, DON'T WORRY, HOMIE...
...LEMME FIX THAT.

KRAK
MY STAMINA IS SUPPOSED TO COME FROM YOU, ATLAS... RIGHT?
KZZH
AUGH!
IF THAT'S REALLY THE CASE...
...THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SURVIVE A LITTLE ROUGHHOUSING SESH WITH ME, RIGHT?
FIND OUT IF YOU'RE WORTHY OF BEING PART OF MY POSSE?
ALL IT'LL TAKE IS A LITTLE PRICK FROM MY KNUCKS--
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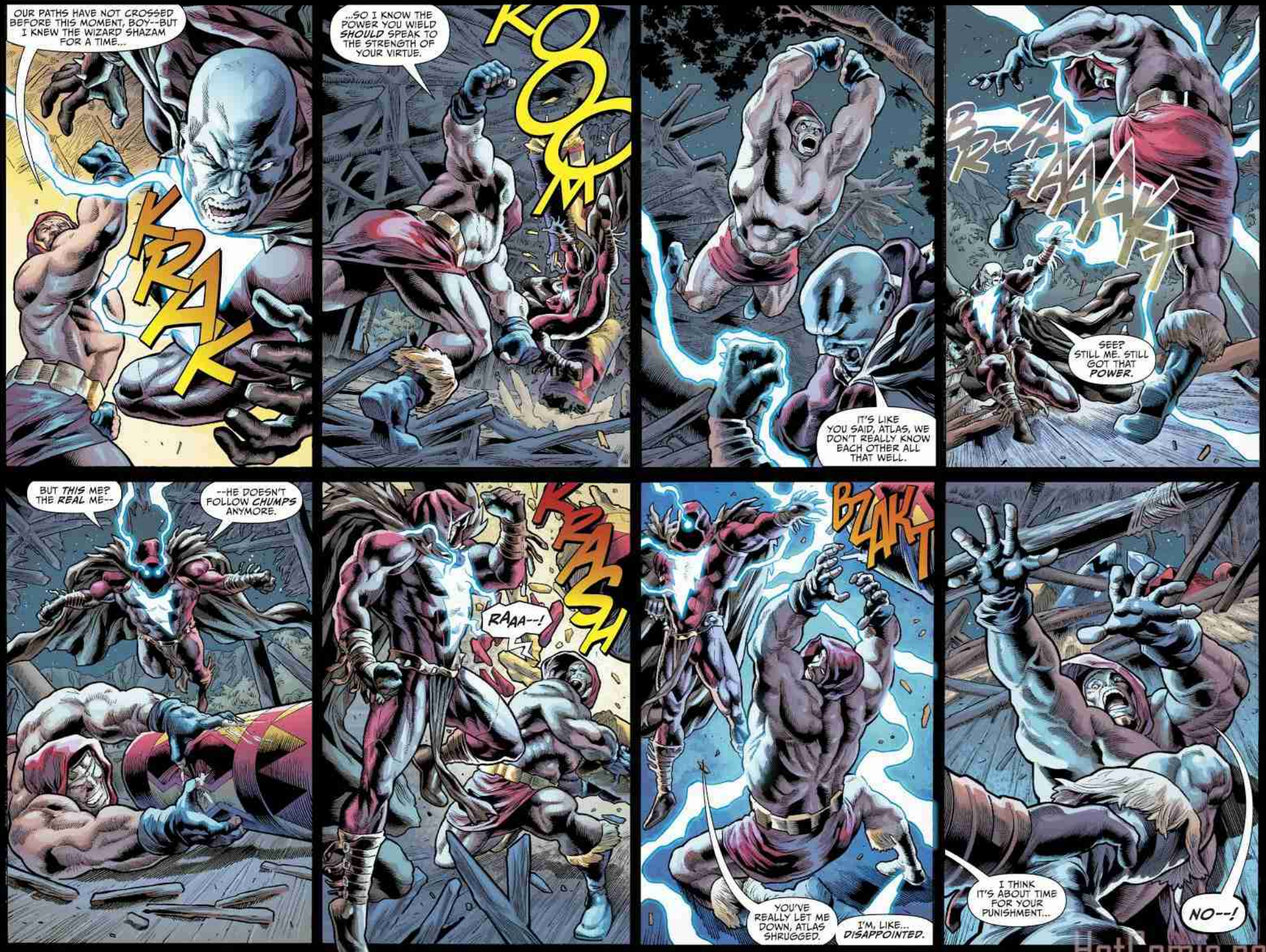
OUR PATHS HAVE NOT CROSSED BEFORE THIS MOMENT, BOY--BUT I KNEW THE WIZARD SHAZAM FOR A TIME...
KRAK
...SO I KNOW THE POWER YOU WIELD SHOULD SPEAK TO THE STRENGTH OF YOUR VIRTUE.
KOOK
IT'S LIKE YOU SAID, ATLAS, WE DON'T REALLY KNOW EACH OTHER ALL THAT WELL.
BR-ZAAAK
SEE? STILL ME. STILL GOT THAT POWER.
BUT THIS ME? THE REAL ME--
--HE DOESN'T FOLLOW CHUMPS ANYMORE.
KRASH
RAAA--!
BZAAK!
YOU'VE REALLY LET ME DOWN, ATLAS SHRUGGED.
I'M, LIKE... DISAPPOINTED.
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOUR PUNISHMENT...
NO--!

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"...I'LL MAKE SURE IT'S SOMETHING SPECIAL."
WHEEE! AGAIN!
MARY, FINALLY YOU'RE HERE.
MAYBE AFTER I HELP MY BROTHERS AND SISTER CLEAN THIS MESS UP!
I'VE GOT A LIST OF WHO COULD HAVE CAUSED THIS MUCH DAMAGE IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.
NONE ARE QUITE A FIT, BUT--
IT WAS BILLY.
WHAT?! THAT CAN'T BE POSSIBLE.
HE WAS ACTING STRANGE TONIGHT.
COMPLETELY LASHED OUT AT VICTOR AND ROSA, AND WENT OFF ON ME ABOUT BEING DONE WITH FAMILY...
...I THINK SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM.
IF BILLY'S GONE EVIL, WE SHOULD CALL THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, OR--
NOT YET.
THIS ALL FEELS PERSONAL... I WANT TO HANDLE IT. THEY'D MAYBE COME ON STRONG AND MAKE IT WORSE.

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MARY, THIS IS BILLY, THOUGH... OUR BILLY.
HE'D NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS DO THIS. YOU DON'T THINK IT'S AN IMPOSTOR, OR--
THERE WAS SOMETHING IN HIS EYES... I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT. STILL HIM, BUT... NASTY.
AT LEAST HE HASN'T CAUSED ANY CASUALTIES.
AND NONE OF US ARE ACTING WEIRD, SO IT DOESN'T HAVE TO DO WITH OUR POWERS.
WELL, WE'VE GOT TO COME WITH YOU. STRONGER TOGETHER, AND ALL THAT--
I NEED YOU ALL HERE IN CASE HE COMES BACK. I'VE GOT THIS... TRUST ME.
WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHY HE'S DOING WHAT HE'S DOING...BUT AT LEAST I KNOW WHERE HE'S HEADING.
I SAW NEWS REPORTS ABOUT FREAK LIGHTNING STORMS ALL OVER THE WORLD.
IF I CAN FIND A PATTERN TO THEM, FIGURE OUT THE ORDER...THEN I CAN FOLLOW THAT PATH RIGHT TO HIM.
WHATEVER'S GOING ON WITH YOU, BILLY...

"...I JUST HOPE YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING WE CAN'T *FIX*."
THAK
I COULDN'T FIND HERCULES...
...I THOUGHT *YOU'D* DO...
WHY YOU GOTTA SUCK SO MUCH, THOR?
...BUT NAW.
KRAKOOM
HuRrk... kk...
MAN, IF THOR ISN'T GOD ENOUGH TO KICK IT WITH ME...

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"...WHO IS?"
HEY, RAO!
C'MON! YOU'RE ZEUS TO SUPERMAN...
WHAM
...SO SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT!
KRAK
YIKES, HOPE YOU WEREN'T PLANNING ON USING THAT JAW ANYTIME SOON.
"Y'KNOW, THE BATMAN WHO LAUGHS DID ME A REAL SOLID WHEN HE STABBED ME WITH THAT NASTY OLD BATARANG.
"I MEAN, SURE, WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF WEIRD SUPER-TETANUS I NOW HAVE...BUT MY EYES ARE REALLY OPEN FOR ONCE!
"ALL YOU GOD TYPES AND SUPER-WHO-CARES DANGLE THE IDEA OF BELONGING OVER OUR HEADS--BUT WE GOTTA LOVE YOU HARD AND PLAY BY YOUR RULES AT THE END OF THE DAY, DON'T WE?
"I DON'T HAVE TO FALL FOR IT ANYMORE.
"SO FROM WHERE I'M STANDING..."

...YOU DESERVE TO BE PUT IN YOUR PLACE.
YAAARGH!
AND HEY, I GET IT. IT'S FUN TO JUST DANGLE THIS OPPORTUNITY OVER YOUR HEAD...THE CHANCE TO ACTUALLY BE DOPE.
BUT YOU'RE JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE I'VE MET TODAY--A WASTE OF TIME.
WRETCHED BEAST.
FAR FROM IT, DUDE...

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"...I JUST WANNA HEAR WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE WHEN GODS CRY."
HELLO?
IS THERE ANYONE DOWN THERE?
M'HERE...
OHH MY GOD.
KOFF!
YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY. I'LL FIND YOU HELP.
CAN YOU TELL ME WHO DID THIS TO YOU?
J-JUDGING BY YOUR EMBLEM... I BELIEVE YOU ALREADY KNOW TH-THE ANSWER TO THAT, CHILD.
BILLY. DID HE SAY ANYTHING--GIVE YOU ANY REASON WHY HE'D DO THIS?
THE BOY HAS BEEN CORRUPTED BY AN INSATIABLE RAGE...

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"...ONE THAT SEEMS TO BE DIRECTED AT THE AUTHORITIES ABOVE HIM."
SEVENTY-SEVEN!
KRAK
"THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT DESTRUCTION HE'LL WREAK IN HIS PURSUIT OF A FAMILY HE DEEMS WORTHY OF HIS ILLNESS..."
KRAK
HEHE.
SEVENTY-EIGHT!
"...BUT I SENSE WHERE HE MAY BE STARTING."
YEESH, ARES. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE GOD OF SLAUGHTER AND WARRING--
--NOT THE GOD OF BORING!
:Kaff:
Y-YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. I'VE CHANGED...
CHANGED, HUH?
FINE.
I'LL ONLY TEAR OFF YOUR ARMS...
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KNOCK IT OFF, BILLY.
BA-BOOM
I'M SO SORRY FOR MY BROTHER, ARES.
CAN YOU MOVE?
I'VE WEATHERED GREATER CHALLENGES, JUST NONE QUITE SO... RELENTLESS.
YOU GO. I'LL HANDLE THIS.
THAT PUNCH SHOULD HAVE BOUGHT YOU SOME TIME TO ESCAPE.
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I'LL PULL THESE OFF LATER.
BR4K
YAAAARGH!
AND I'LL PROBABLY YANK THE LEGS OFF FOR BEING SUCH A WUSS.
HEY, SIS?
GUESS IT'S TIME FOR SOME ONE-ON-ONE BONDING!

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I AGREE.
KRZM
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'VE TURNED INTO SUCH A MONSTER...
...BUT WHATEVER CRAZED MISSION YOU'RE ON ENDS NOW.
DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT I'M LIKE THIS 'CUZ YOU'RE A COMPLETE BI--
SHUT UP!
I WON'T LET YOU HURT ME OR GET INTO MY HEAD!
IS THAT WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO?
I KNOW MY BROTHER IS HIDING IN THERE-- I COULD SEE IT IN YOUR EYES EARLIER!
I LOVE YOU AND I WON'T LET YOU RUIN YOUR LIFE!
BRKOOM

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SOMETHING HAS INFECTED YOU, BUT I KNOW IT'S NOT TOO LATE.
YOU CAN TRY AND PUSH ME AWAY ALL YOU WANT, BUT I REFUSE TO GIVE UP ON YOU...
...BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT *FAMILY* DO FOR EACH OTHER.
MARY?
M-MARY?! Y-YOU'RE STILL HERE?
BILLY?!
THESE THOUGHTS...IN MY HEAD...THEY'RE SO *BAD*, AND I CAN'T GET THEM OUT.
I NEED YOUR HELP-- YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I CAN C-COUNT ON!
IT'S GONNA BE OKAY. I'M HERE.
WE'LL GO TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE-- TOGETHER--THEY'LL KNOW HOW TO FIX THIS.
B-BEFORE WE GO... THERE'S JUST ONE THING...
ANYTHING.
WHAT IS IT?

PSYCH.
NO...
"FAMILY" INDEED.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S KEPT UP WITH ME SO FAR.
SHNK
YOU REALLY GOT UNDER MY SKIN WITH ALL THAT TALK...
...SO I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW JUST HOW DEEP.
PRETTY SOON YOU'LL BE JUST LIKE ME.
FAMIWEEEE.
HUKKKÉ
THE BATMAN WHO LAUGHS GAVE US A GIFT, MARY. OPENED OUR EYES...
...AND NOW WE CAN HELP SPREAD THAT GIFT TO WHOEVER WE THINK DESERVES IT.
OH GOD...

YOU WERE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT...
...YOU'RE THE ONLY FAMILY I CAN COUNT ON.
WELCOME TO THE FOLD, SIS.
I WANT... I WANT...
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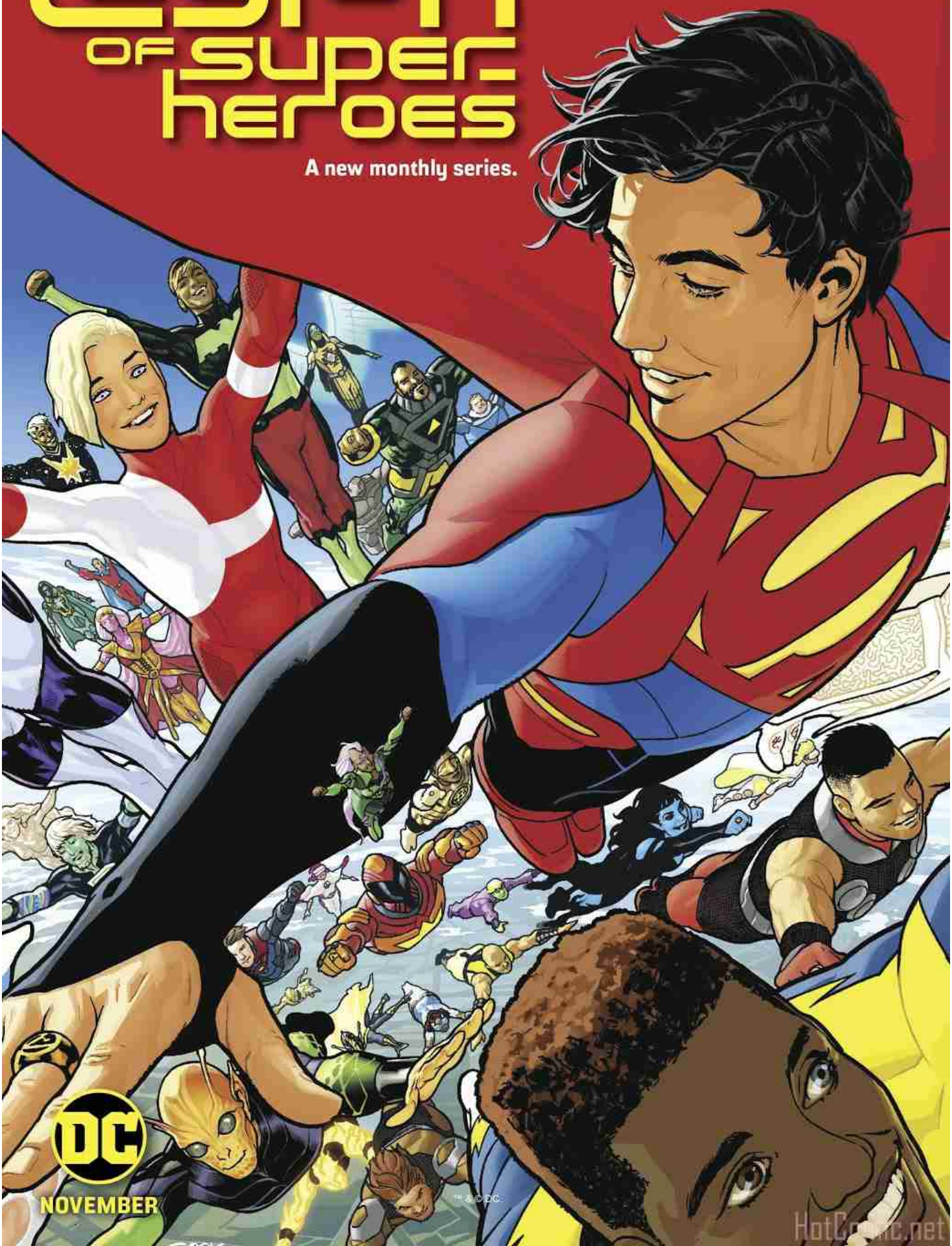

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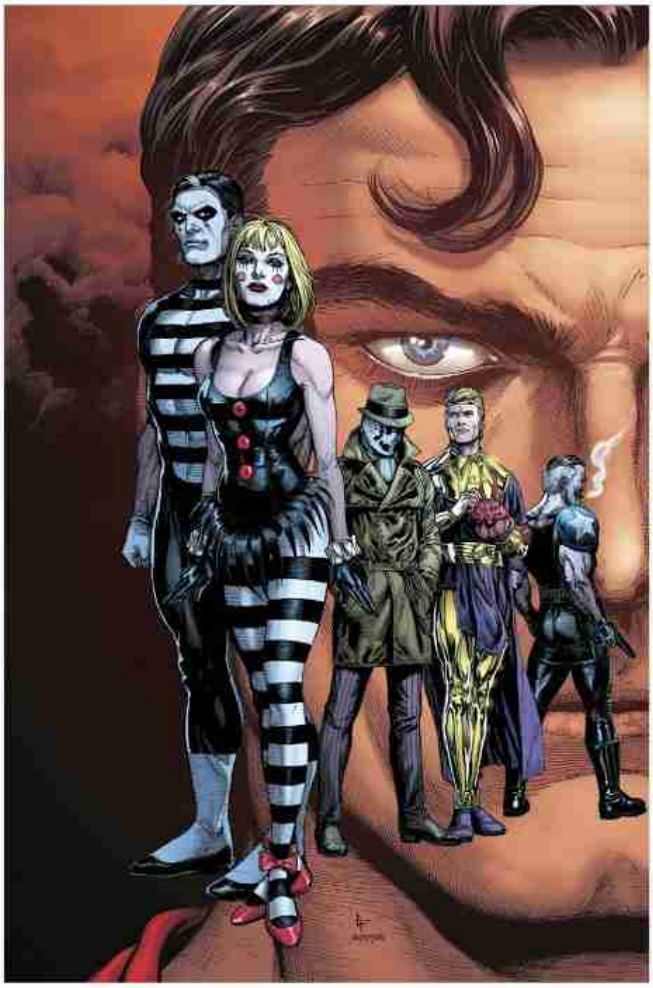
DOOMSDAY CLOCK

A DC NATION INTERVIEW WITH GEOFF JOHNS and GARY FRANK

The first-ever crossover between the DC Universe and characters from Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' classic WATCHMEN has been an epic event to watch unfold. Geoff Johns reunited with his longtime artistic partner Gary Frank for DOOMSDAY CLOCK, a 12-issue limited series. This story brings Superman into the orbit of Dr. Manhattan, WATCHMEN's godlike being who may be responsible for changing the life and history of every DC hero and villain.

"The DC Universe confronted the legacy of WATCHMEN in REBIRTH the way WATCHMEN confronted the legacy of superhero comics three decades ago," explains writer Geoff Johns. "Thematically, and metaphorically, there was no better choice than to use Dr. Manhattan. If you're going to have a conflict between optimism and pessimism, a battle between the very forces of hope and despair, you need to have someone who personifies the cynicism that has leaked into our hearts, and who also has the ability to affect the entire DCU. It's all paying off with DOOMSDAY CLOCK."



"DOOMSDAY CLOCK is a story for fans who love the DC Universe and WATCHMEN and want to see what a master of this genre creates when he puts them together," says Frank. "As for my artistic approach to the series, each panel is extremely detailed, and I am constantly thinking through the position of every single element."

"Just the idea of Superman talking to Dr. Manhattan gets me excited," Johns says. "What does that look like? Their ideologies are so vastly different, and the circumstances we put them in are very interesting. And there's a hundred layers to this book. Gary Frank is putting everything he's got into it, and we're very excited for people to see it. Superman and Dr. Manhattan are the tip of the iceberg. We know we have all these rules, but we've got to break a few rules to tell the best story. And I think it's going to do more than people think, and be different than people think. I hope it surprises people in a really good way."

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